

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0085] with the following amended paragraph:

The HTML source code includes an attribute, namely the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of a server-side script that processes a search request. The HTML source code also includes a method attribute that determines how the parameters are to be passed to the server. The two request methods to submit HTML form data to a server are the "GET" and "POST" methods. The onSubmit handler inserted into every form object of a web page served to a client ensures that all completed search forms are intercepted, at step 33. At step 34, the action attribute of the search form is transmitted to the trail recorder 11 in order to determine whether the action attribute corresponds to an action attribute of a known search engine. The search query detector 10 is advantageously able to intercept both GET and POST form submissions. By transmitting only the action attribute of a search form submission, the search query detector 10 also ensures that no private form data is transmitted unsecurely to the server-side trail recorder 11 that may compromise the privacy of a user, such as a logging form containing user name and password, credit card details or the like. The value of the action attribute is the URL or network address of the search engine program for executing the search query. For example, the value of the action attribute in the example of HTML source code shown in Table 1 is `http://turb010.Qomlxlsearch.cgi`. The onSubmit handler -inserted into the form object at step 31 passes the action attribute in a separate HTTP GET request to the trail recorder 11 at step 35. Referring now to Figure 4, the trail recorder 11, upon receipt of the HTTP GET request from the search query detector 10 strips off any parameter portion of the network address or URL of the search engine program for executing the search query so that only the scheme, host name and path remain. To maintain the privacy of the user, no form parameters are submitted to the trail recorder 11 at this time. Only the value of the action attribute is sent to the server. For example, this stripped down version of the search engine URL in the example shown in Table 1 is `http://turb010.com/x/search.cgi`.